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September 8, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow  
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CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Dear Mr. Snow,

As an avid fisherman and boater I am appalled at the bias being taken by your agency towards favoring storage and water transfer over conservation as a "fix" for the problems in the delta.

Please vote **NO** on the following issues:

- **Creation of 12 new dams within the state, especially the Los Vacceros enlargement.** I have personally paid over \$2000 in water bills to avoid drinking the salt water we now have within the CC Water district. It's **our** reservoir – leave it alone.
- **Filling of Frank's Tract.** If you want to fill something fill one of the other tracts. This is a nursery area for striped bass and one of the few shallow water habitats in the delta. Leave it alone.
- **Removing existing sloughs to better transfer water to the pumps.** The problem in the delta is lack of fresh flows. Bypassing the main body of the delta will doom it. Why should LA enjoy better water than I do. This will cause further confusion in spawning migrations of fish and cause an increase in salt intrusion.

Please vote **YES** on the following issues:

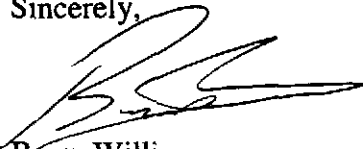
- **Conservation.** We all know that the need for water will grow. We need to implement water restrictions and rationing in areas where water needs to be transferred. No one now in southern California practices conservation, no one has made them. How often do you drive by office complexes and commercial areas and see acres of lush green grass. Why do we continue to approve water guzzling landscaping. Mandate recycled water for commercial landscape and golf courses in all new construction.
- **Limit water guzzling crops such as rice and cotton.** Why do we grow rice in California. Why do we flood the fields to saturation when not necessary. How much water do we lose to evaporation. Doesn't take a rocket scientist to see the irony in this one.
- **Repeal outdated water laws.** It is not ethical that so few can control so much precious water. These rights are outdated. The laws need to keep up with the times. Support free trade and abolish water subsidies. Why should some groups pay cents and others pay dollars for water.

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- **Control illegal immigration.** Illegal immigration takes a huge toll on our natural resources and our public system. Close the borders if we obviously don't have the water to support it.
- **Implement the provisions of the Delta Protection Act.** Guarantee 800,000 acre feet of water for the delta. This is truly the fix for the delta. No water means death. The smoke screen fixes proposed mean nothing without water.
- **Leave Frack's Tract alone.** Create wetlands in other tract's. This is a working ecosystem – don't mess with it.

Please consider my thoughts. Ive spent most of my life recreating in the Bay and Delta and fear that we are nearing the end. Your decisions will either save or destroy the delta. Vote with your conscience and not your pocket book.

Sincerely,



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